

## Lone Trooper Dispersing Strikers



Mounted officer dispersing a crowd of steel strikers in South Pittsburgh.

## Governor of Pennsylvania Backs Troops

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prevention and punishment under our laws.

## Will Deal With Invasion

"Information has come to us that efforts are being made by dangerous and evil disposed persons at points in other states near our boundaries to collect armed mobs to come across the state line to overpower our municipal authorities and to attack our citizens and destroy their property. If any such attempts are made we shall be compelled to regard these mobs as armed invaders of Pennsylvania and we shall deal with them as such.

"I count upon your counsel and influence to discourage such attempts and to aid us in every way that you can against those who would by intemperate speech inflame people to criminal actions.

"Our interest in the struggle in which you are engaged is in the maintenance of law and order, the protection of your rights and those of all our people, citizens and sojourners alike, who live within our laws. During your own stay here you must have been impressed with the fact that our people are law-abiding, and while they have absolute consideration for the rights of others they are earnest, indeed, in the protection of their own rights and the good name of the Commonwealth of which they are a part.

"This is the spirit of the people of Pennsylvania, and as Governor of the state I shall see to it that their laws are faithfully executed, their rights protected and their institutions upheld.

## Governor of Pennsylvania

At the Capitol it was explained tonight that by "armed mobs" the Governor likely had in mind reports that some workers from Youngstown, Ohio, were preparing to march over the state line into Farrell, Penn., a town in the Pittsburgh steel industrial region, for the declared purpose of holding a mass meeting in the Pennsylvania town.

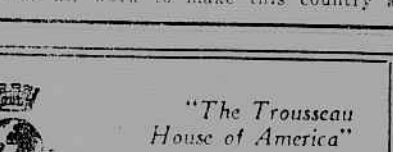
## Rainbow Seekers Blamed For Unrest by Lane

Secretary of the Interior Says Unity of Wartime Morale Has Been Broken

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. People who "continue to believe that there is a bag of gold at the end of the rainbow" are largely responsible for industrial and social unrest in America and other countries, Secretary Lane

declared today in an address before the annual convention of the Association of American Secretaries of State. "These folks," said Mr. Lane, "won't take the word of experienced men all down the road of history that there is no magical way to happiness. Work alone finds the way. Work is the salvation, materially and spiritually.

"Our war morale has not been maintained. We have not the unity of purpose that prevailed then. We lack a common purpose, we Americans, though we are just as loyal, just as idealistic. We can adopt an aggressive, constructive program for America. Let us all work to make this country a



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## Gompers Holds Gary to Blame For Big Strike

Tells Senators Men Had No Other Recourse, and Companies Are Using "Crook Detectives" as Murderers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, testifying today before the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate at a hearing on the Cummins bill for the return of the railroads, blamed Judge E. H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, for the steel strike.

Mr. Gompers declared that the steel workers had no alternative but to strike when Judge Gary refused to confer with their representatives.

He asserted that conditions in the districts where the United States Steel mills are located were "horrible," and that "murders, assaults and arrests" had been committed against the workers by "detective crooks" employed by the Steel Corporation.

Mr. Gompers, in reply to questions asked by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, said that the right to say what wages workers shall give their services for and under what conditions they shall work belongs to organized labor. He continued:

## Calls Strike Only Recourse

"If employers take the arbitrary attitude that there is nothing to arbitrate or talk over, then the workers have no recourse but to strike.

"An instance of that is in the strike now going on. Representatives of the steel workers asked for a conference with the head of the United States Steel Corporation in order to lay their grievances before the company. Mr. Gary up to this time has given no answer to the request of the men for a conference.

"I was in hopes that the strike might be deferred until after the labor conference which President Wilson has called for October. But if you knew the conditions that prevailed in the districts controlled by the United States Steel Corporation you would be horrified.

"There were murders, assaults, arrests and the prohibition of men holding meetings in lots that were not owned by the company. The meetings were dispersed by thugs and detective crooks employed by the company. A woman was murdered a couple of weeks ago in McKeesport in cold blood. Men were arrested at these meetings and imprisoned without bail, although some of them offered bail as high as \$3,000, and none was permitted to communicate with friends or lawyers. The man who was charged with the murder of the innocent woman was freed on \$2,500 bail. He was a detective employed by the company."

## Plans Laid for Inquiry

While Mr. Gompers was testifying before the Senate committee, Senator Kenyon, chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, promised with plans for investigating the strike, and Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, in the Senate charged that the steel workers had planned the strike for a long time, and that they walked out "on the flimsiest kind of an excuse" in order to "strike for power."

John Fitzpatrick, national chairman of the steel workers' organization, wired Senator Kenyon today that he will appear before the Senate committee

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BROADWAY AT 34th STREET

## Defends Right to Strike

Mr. Gompers spent the entire day defending organized labor's right to strike before Senate committees. His principal testimony was given before the Interstate Commerce Committee at the hearing on the Cummins railroad bill.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, told Mr. Gompers that Congress has a great fear of a universal strike of railroad employees "that would tie up the transportation systems of the country and starve the American people within ninety days."

"Is there any way," he asked, "that this debate can be prevented other than by Congress meeting?" "That is not the way," Mr. Gompers replied. "Let the great railroad brotherhoods handle the problem. Don't remove their sphere of influence. They will take care of it. They will see to it that the great danger that you are all talking about does not happen."

Mr. Gompers said that organized labor would not accept any compromise or the compulsory arbitration and prohibition of strike provisions of the Cummins bill.

"To have them in any form would encourage the forces that seek to hinder," said Mr. Gompers. "This war has changed the world. There has been a feeling of unrest and discontent that even the possessing classes of the world, and that only by force and direct action can the rights of labor be secured. This is expressed by the Bolsheviks in Russia and the propaganda of Bolshevism for a soviet government in many parts of the world, including our own country."

There were many converts to Bolshevism in the ranks of organized labor,

## Count to Succeed Benson

In Highest Office in Navy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. Secretary Daniels late today announced the appointment of Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz to be chief naval operations, the highest office in the navy. Rear Admiral Coontz, who will succeed Admiral William S. Benson upon the latter's retirement to-morrow, now is in command of a dreadnaught division of the Pacific fleet.

"This steel strike," he said, "is not a move suddenly sprung upon the nation, nor suddenly conceived. It has been threatened for a period antedating our entry into the war, and it was understood that it would occur when the conditions became favorable."

"It was stated last September that it would be a strike for power. The leaders of the strike proposed to force their will on the great industries, so that it would lead to a recognition of the closed shop."

"I regret the refusal of Judge Gary to meet the men. It hurts nobody to talk over anything. But he didn't see fit to do so, and because he didn't strike was caused, and called as a strike for power to end the unrest and the flimsiest excuse in the world. If the workers had not found the excuse they did, they would have found some other. I claim that, from conditions as they have developed in the last ten days, the principal object in calling this strike at this time was to so disturb and bedevil industrial conditions in the United States as to force the hand of the President at the forthcoming labor conference and force him to yield to extreme demands."

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Steel Mills

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Plant Reopens

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men, including one policeman,

were injured. None of the distur-

bances involved more than a few men.

With the closing down of the River-

side plant of the Otis Steel Company

and that of the Union Rolling Mills

Company, the Empire Rolling Mills

Company is the only one operating.

The Otis plant was closed "out of con-

sideration for the personal safety of

the employees," a company statement

declared. The closing of the Union

Mills plant resulted from a walkout.

The by-product coke plant of the

Smet-Solvay Company was shut down

as a result of the banking of the blast

furnaces of the Cleveland Furnace

Company yesterday.

Fred G. Keightley, secretary of the

United Association of Iron, Steel

and Tin Workers, arrived here today

from Pittsburgh to take charge of the

situation arising out of the striking

of members in violation of agreement.

According to word received from Presi-

dent M. F. Tighe, the Grand Lodge

threatens to revoke the charter of the

local which struck.

"Iron Age" Calls for

Exposure of Foster's

"Dammable Doctrines"

"The Iron Age," which has been de-

voting much space to exposing the

socialist doctrines preached by Will-

iam Z. Foster, secretary of the strike

committee, sent the following telegram

yesterday to the Washington repre-

sentative:

"Please say to Senator Kenyon:

"If your committee will expose more

fully than we have been able to do the

socialist doctrines of the present steel

strike, it will render the country the

highest service. We suggest that you

ask him why he did not try to stop

the strike. Also that you call Foster and

question him about the damnable doc-

trines which he advocated in the red

book. Also T. J. Vind, general organ-

izer American Federation of Labor,

Chicago, and question him about the

social speeches he has been making."

"Trooper's Horse Holds

Striker by Her Teeth

Steel Correspondence

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24.—In an

unusual incident the constabulary

and a small mob in Homestead yester-

day held a man by the teeth of a horse.

Trooper John A. Thorpe played an

important part. Thorpe had arrested

two members of the mob, but while

he was putting handcuffs on one of

them the other started to run. Thorpe

completed the handcuffing operation,

buttoned on the prisoner's coat, and

gathered a fold of it in his hand.

It took Thorpe ten minutes to get

the escaped prisoner, but when he

came back Lizzie was still holding

her man.

Strikers at Buffalo

Appeal to Governor

Against "Hired Agents"

BUFFALO, Sept. 24.—Leaders of the

striking steel workers in the Buffalo

district said after a conference today

that Governor Smith would be asked to

order an investigation of yesterday's

riot in Lackawanna, in which one

striker was shot dead and four per-

sons were wounded by shots fired by

plant guards.

Henry Streifer, general chairman of

the strike committee, charged that the

steel company "through hired detec-

tives incited the Lackawanna riots for

the purpose of bringing in the State

Constabulary and breaking the ranks

of the strikers." Streifer gave out a

copy of a letter which he sent to city

and state officials on Monday warning

them that "hired agents of the steel

company would incite rioting."

Lackawanna was calm to-day, with

seventy state troopers patrolling the

streets and breaking up all assemblages

of strikers. One striker was clubbed

and arrested by a state trooper after

it is alleged, he had thrown a beer

case at the mounted policeman, but

otherwise there was no disorder. Not

a man entered or left the steel plant

to-day, and the company's private po-

licemen remained inside the fence.

Youngstown Strike

Swelled by Walk-Out

Of 500 Fabricators

Special Correspondence

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Sept. 24.—

Five hundred steel fabricators walked

out at the plant of the Youngstown

Pressed Steel Company to-day, forcing

the plant to shut down.

The walkout was in sympathy with

the steel workers on strike here. Say-

ing that the men had no grievances,

company officials refused further to

discuss the matter, other than to state

that they would not attempt to open

the plant until the men decided to come

back.

Rumors that officials of the Young-

stown Sheet and Tube Company were

dickering with the steel union officials

regarding an agreement were prevalent

to-day, but neither officials of the com-

pany nor union officials would discuss

it.

Will Use an Aeroplane

Mayor Graver has accepted the offer

of an aeroplane from the Youngstown

Aero Club and will press the machine

into service as an adjunct to the

Police Department. It will hover over

the steel plants nightly, keeping close

touch on any unusual gatherings about

the mills.

J. E. McCadden, Youngstown district

organizer for the iron and steel work-

ers, who is in active charge of the

strike in this district, left to-night for

Pittsburgh to attend a meeting of the

executive committee of the American

Federation of Labor. He took with him

what he declares will be the best re-

port of conditions that will be turned

in at the meeting.

"Of all the striking districts in the

country, the Youngstown district is the

only one which is completely tied up,"

declared McCadden.

"Absolutely Nothing Doing"

"In all of the rest some of the mills

are struggling along, but here there is

absolutely nothing doing. We are go-

ing to keep it so."

The claim was made to-day at union

headquarters that the companies were

sending out some of their own men

under the guise of organizers and ad-

dress the strikers in foreign

tongues.

The manufacturers had at least one

man that I know of who addressed the

workers in a foreign tongue," said S.

T. Hammersmark, of the A. F. of L.

"I do not propose to stand for this. I

have instructed our men to send any

one to the hospital if they find him

playing the manufacturers' game this

way."

Japan Has Strike Panacea

TOKIO, Sept. 24. By The Associated

Press.—The alertness of the Japanese

in attacking new world problems is

shown in the quick formation here of

"The Capital